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Draft Fast-track Principal Requirements

1.10.1 Building Level Administrator Certificates

B. Building Level Administrator PK-12 Fast-track (New Section)

1. Validity of Certificate:
 - a. This certification is valid for assignment as a Building Level Administrator in Grades PK-12 in Rhode Island Public Schools.
2. Eligibility Requirements pursuant to RIGL 16-11-9; verified by the employing agency
 - a. Has a minimum of ten (10) years experience as a teacher or support professional;
 - b. Has achieved evaluation ratings of Highly Effective or Effective;
 - c. Holds a Master's degree or higher;
 - d. Has a record of consistent leadership within the LEA, demonstrated through serving as a facilitator of professional development, a dean, a district coach, a department chair, or in another leadership position within a school or LEA;
 - e. Has a recommendation from the superintendent of the LEA where the individual has worked previously or is currently working.
3. Requirements pursuant to RIGL 16-11-9:
 - a. Has completed a year-long, minimum of three hundred (300) hours, internship where currently employed. **The internship experience is designed by the employing agency to approximate the activities of a building administrator. The Superintendent will evaluate the internship experience according to the RI Standards for Educational Leaders and will provide a recommendation only for educators who demonstrate the competency to successfully meet the expectations established in the internship;**
 - b. Has led a district or school-wide initiative;
 - c. Has completed coursework in school finance, school law, and instructional leadership/program evaluation inclusive of data analysis **from a regionally accredited institution;**
 - d. Has met all knowledge of field testing requirements for this certification area;
 - e. During the first renewal cycle, individuals must complete a RIDE-approved leadership development program.

1.8.15 Fast-track Principal Expert Residency Preliminary Certificate (New)

A. Beginning May 1, 2020, the Fast-track Principal Expert Residency Preliminary Certificate may be issued to individuals who meet eligibility requirements pursuant to RIGL 16-11-9 and have met other coursework and assessment requirements.

1. Duration

- a. The Fast Track Preliminary Certificate is valid for one (1) year.

2. Conditions for Issuance

- a. The applicant has a minimum of ten (10) years experience as a teacher or support professional;
- b. The applicant has achieved evaluation ratings of Highly Effective or Effective;
- c. The applicant holds a Master's degree or higher;
- d. The applicant has a record of consistent leadership within the LEA, demonstrated through serving as a facilitator of professional development, a dean, a district coach, a department chair, or in another leadership position within a school or LEA;
- e. The applicant has passed all knowledge of field assessment requirements or has completed coursework in school finance, school law, and instructional leadership/program evaluation inclusive of data analysis.

3. Conditions for Renewal

- a. The applicant has demonstrated progress towards the completion of certification requirements for the Fast Track Principal Certificate **and**;
- b. The employing agency recommends renewal based on performance and progress.
- c. The Fast Track Principal Preliminary Certificate may be renewed up to three (3) times.